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Not Enacted	LD 1286	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Impact of Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency on Maine's Economy and the Risks of Fraud and Theft to Maine Consumers	Died On Adjournment
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HCIFS	105	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	107	An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	355	An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	744	
HCIFS	378	An Act to Clarify That Health Insurers Must Comply with Plan Sponsors' Statutory Rights to Audit Claims and Data Requests Related to Those Audits	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	652	
HCIFS	519	An Act to Address the Long-term Sustainability of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association	Morris, Joshua	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	582	An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	710	
HCIFS	663	An Act Regarding Health Care	Mathieson, Kristi	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	697	An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	530	
HCIFS	784	An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Related to Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM/REFERRED	Enacted	PL	531	
HCIFS	893	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations from Insurance Requirements	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	910	An Act to Collect Data to Better Understand the Consumer's Health Insurance Experience	Tepler, Denise	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			

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HCIFS	1119	An Act Regarding Reproductive Health Care	Moonen, Matt	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	1220	An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Treat Dogs and Equids	Foley, Robert	OTP-AM/ONTP	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report			
HCIFS	1286	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Impact of Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency on Maine's Economy and the Risks of Fraud and Theft to Maine Consumers	Bradstreet, Dick	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	1301	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Denial of Health Insurance Claims	Tipping, Michael	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	1496	An Act to Ensure Ongoing Access to Medications and Care for Chronic Conditions by Changing Requirements for Prior Authorizations	Zager, Sam	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	1502	An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening	Moonen, Matt	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	712	
HCIFS	1530	An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	1803	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometric Practice	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died Between Houses			
HCIFS	1890	An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Increasing the Monetary Threshold for Certain Facilities Under the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need and to Index the Threshold Annually Thereafter	Foley, Robert	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	599	
HCIFS	1901	An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property	Bell, Art	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	653	

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HCIFS	1970	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Consent for HIV Testing and Disclosure of Related Medical Information for Insurance Purposes	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	559	
HCIFS	1990	An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	577	
HCIFS	1998	An Act to Authorize Registration of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines Through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and to Limit the Use of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines as Virtual Currency Kiosks	Bailey, Donna	OTP	Enacted	PL	542	
HCIFS	2005	An Act Regarding Mail Order Delivery of Prescription Drugs	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	674	
HCIFS	2011	An Act to Remove the MaineCare Program from the Prescription Drug Benefit Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	OTP/ONTP	Enacted	PL	561	
HCIFS	2019	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensure of Wholesalers and Manufacturers Under the Maine Pharmacy Act	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	544	
HCIFS	2030	An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	601	
HCIFS	2056	An Act to Provide Additional Financing Options to Consumers in the State	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/ONTP	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	2060	An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act and to Clarify the Securities Administrator's Authority to Grant Licensing Exemptions for Broker-Dealers	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	602	
HCIFS	2061	An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	579	
HCIFS	2071	An Act to Expand Access to Vaccines Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration by Allowing Pharmacists to Prescribe, Dispense and Administer Vaccines and Require Insurance Coverage	Cluchey, Sally	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	683	

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HCIFS	2074	An Act to Update the Requirements for Social Worker Licensure	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	584	
HCIFS	2082	An Act to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Providing Certain Mental Health Services	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	687	
HCIFS	2087	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of American Sign Language Interpreters	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	585	
HCIFS	2088	An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates	Boyer, Michelle	OTP/OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	604	
HCIFS	2102	An Act to Clarify and Strengthen the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program	Mathieson, Kristi	OTP-AM/ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	583	
HCIFS	2128	An Act to Reorganize the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	596	
HCIFS	2129	An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	649	
HCIFS	2133	An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians	Bailey, Donna	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	635	
HCIFS	2146	An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	Enacted	PL	702	
HCIFS	2151	Resolve, to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas	Reny, Cameron	OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			√
HCIFS	2162	An Act to Regulate and Prevent Children's Access to Artificial Intelligence Chatbots with Human-like Features and Social Artificial Intelligence Companions	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	2166	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing		OTP	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	140	

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HCIFS	2189	An Act to Require Prior Notification of Closures of Labor and Delivery Units and Changes in Maternity or Newborn Care Services by Hospitals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		OTP-AM/ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	606	
HCIFS	2190	An Act to Implement Certain Changes in the Certificate of Need Laws Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2197	An Act to Prohibit the Sale and Leaseback of a Health Care Entity's Main Campus to a Real Estate Investment Trust as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2198	An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations Related to the Ratio of Debt to Equity in Transactions Involving Health Care Entities from the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2199	An Act to Prohibit Interference with the Professional Judgment and Clinical Decisions of Licensed Health Care Professionals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2200	An Act Relating to Noncompete Agreements Between Employers and Health Care Practitioners		OTP-AM/OTP	Enacted	PL	718	

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HCIFS	2202	An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State		OTP	Enacted	PL	661	
HCIFS	2206	An Act Expanding Access to Oral Health Care by Creating a New Path for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry		ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
HCIFS	2208	An Act to Offset Federal Cuts to Health Insurance for Certain Maine Families and Seniors	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			
HCIFS	2209	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Develop Innovative Models for the Delivery of Dental Services to Expand Access to Oral Health Care Throughout the State		OTP-AM/ONTP	Finally Passed	Resolve	156	
HCIFS	2233	An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All Physicians and Physician Associates		OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	738	
HCIFS	2242	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation		OTP/OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	Resolve	158	

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LD 355 An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 744 provides one-time funding of \$625,000 to the Maine Retirement Savings Program Enterprise Fund by requiring that the State Controller transfer funds from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements.

LD 378 An Act to Clarify That Health Insurers Must Comply with Plan Sponsors' Statutory Rights to Audit Claims and Data Requests Related to Those Audits

Public Law 2025, chapter 652 clarifies current law to ensure that health insurers administering health plans on behalf of plan sponsors are considered administrators and must comply with a plan sponsor's statutory right to audit claims and data requests related to those audits. The law also clarifies the responsibilities of plan sponsors related to the security of data shared by an administrator for the purposes of an audit. The requirements take effect July 1, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 652 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 582 An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Public Law 2025, chapter 710 requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, recommended by a provider as medically necessary health care in accordance with clinical guidelines established by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.

LD 697 An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing

Public Law 2025, chapter 530 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

1. It adds to the board the executive director of the Maine Health Data Organization, or the executive director's designee, as an ex officio, nonvoting member and adds a member representing health insurance carriers to the advisory council to the board.
2. It removes the authority of the board to recommend that public payors pay an annual assessment to support the administration of the board.

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3. It changes the scope of the duties of the board from determining prescription drug spending targets to focusing on an assessment of strategies to reduce prescription drug costs, reduce the rate of growth in prescription drug spending and reduce cost barriers for consumers.
4. It requires the board to review how states with authority to establish upper payment limits have implemented that authority and their regulation of pharmacy benefits managers, to recommend whether the board should have comparable authority and to assess implementing reference-based pricing for the first 10 prescription drugs for which the Medicare program has negotiated maximum fair prices through the Medicare drug price negotiation program.
5. It requires the board to recommend annual spending targets for prescription drugs for public payors and implementing complementary purchasing strategies; annual spending targets and strategies for the commercial insurance market; transparency requirements and supply chain regulation; strategies to reduce out-of-pocket costs through insurance regulation; and aligning prescription drug payment with acquisition costs.
6. When conducting its work, it requires the board to use prescription drug spending data from the Maine Health Data Organization and publicly available data available for purchase or for free and, if there is additional prescription drug spending data required by the board and its staff, the law authorizes the board to recommend that the Maine Health Data Organization collect this data by rule. It also makes a related change to the provisions governing the Maine Health Data Organization to clarify that the Maine Health Data Organization may share data with board staff.
7. It establishes and provides funding for one position to support the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board with strategic direction, government and stakeholder relations, research, writing and administrative work.

The law also directs the board to recommend a program to reduce the impact of prescription drug costs on the State's health care system, stem the rate of growth in prescription drug spending and reduce cost barriers for consumers based on data the board has collected. The board is directed to submit a preliminary report by January 30, 2026 and a final report by October 1, 2027. The joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters is authorized to report out legislation based on either report.

Public Law 2025, chapter 530 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 530 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 784 An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Related to Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders

Public Law 2025, chapter 531 establishes a rebuttable presumption in a cause of action that a health insurance carrier has failed to exercise ordinary care when making a health care treatment decision

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to deny coverage under a health plan for covered specialized risk screening for an enrollee who is a first responder and whose provider has determined the enrollee's receipt of specialized risk screening is medically appropriate and has meaningful potential for preventive clinical benefit to the enrollee. The law also clarifies that the rebuttable presumption applies if an enrollee files a wrongful death action instead of an action under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4313.

Public Law 2025, chapter 531 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 530 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 961 An Act to Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage and Improve Access to Care

Public Law 2025, chapter 540 provides that, once rules are adopted by the State Board of Nursing to establish practice standards, a certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse is no longer required to practice for at least 24 months under the supervision of a licensed physician or supervising nurse practitioner or be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician. The law directs the board to establish practice standards by rule for a certified nurse practitioner related to the length of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice as an advanced practice registered nurse; the minimum amount of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice with a supervising nurse practitioner as a mentor; the practice setting for a certified nurse practitioner, including any requirements for employment by a clinic or hospital that has a supervising nurse practitioner within the clinic or hospital serving in a mentorship role to a certified nurse practitioner; and any other factors determined necessary by the board.

The law directs the board to submit the proposed practice standards for certified nurse practitioners to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services for review no later than March 15, 2026 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners. The law prohibits the board from adopting rules relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners before May 1, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 540 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 17, 2026.

LD 1502 An Act to Update the Requirements for Health Insurance Coverage of Prostate Cancer Screening

Under prior law, health insurance coverage was required for annual prostate cancer screening, if recommended by a physician, to men 50 years of age or older until attaining 72 years of age. Public Law 2025, chapter 712 updates the annual screening requirements for prostate cancer to require coverage of these services at any age, if recommended by a physician, when supported by

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medical and scientific evidence according to the most recently published nationally recognized clinical practice guideline.

The requirements apply to individual and group health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.

LD 1890 An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Increasing the Monetary Threshold for Certain Facilities Under the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need and to Index the Threshold Annually Thereafter

Under prior law, a new health care facility other than a nursing facility was required to obtain a certificate of need before it was established if it required a capital expenditure of more than \$3 million. Public Law 2025, chapter 599 increases that threshold amount to \$7.5 million and also requires that, beginning January 1, 2027 and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services update the threshold amount for review to reflect the change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care services index, with an effective date of January 1st each year.

LD 1901 An Act to Regulate Shared Appreciation Agreements Relating to Residential Property

Public Law 2025, chapter 653 defines “shared appreciation mortgage loan” and imposes on such a loan similar requirements and limitations to those imposed on other mortgage loans issued in the State. The law requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection to report on compliance with these provisions to the 134th Legislature and authorizes the submission of legislation in response to the report.

Public Law 2025, chapter 653 also enacts into law the advisory ruling of the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection, which took effect October 29, 2025, stating that a shared appreciation mortgage loan is a “consumer credit transaction” and providers of these products are “supervised lenders” under the Maine Consumer Credit Code and provides that any shared appreciation mortgage loan entered into with a consumer that is secured by a dwelling or residential real estate in this State between October 29, 2025 and April 13, 2026 that does not comply with the provisions of that ruling is void and unenforceable.

Public Law 2025, chapter 653 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 1970 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Consent for HIV Testing and Disclosure of Related Medical Information for Insurance Purposes

Public Law 2025, chapter 559 clarifies that an HIV test may be undertaken only with a patient's informed consent. The law also removes the requirement that a patient's authorization of disclosure of confidential HIV test results to a designated health care provider must be in writing

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and provides that disclosure of information in a medical record for the purpose of seeking insurance reimbursement for HIV testing is not precluded.

LD 1990 An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure

Public Law 2025, chapter 577 modifies licensure requirements for psychologists and psychological examiners by allowing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to accept applications for licensure at any time after successful passage of the qualifying examination. Under prior law, the board was prevented from accepting such applications within 6 months of failure of the examination.

Public Law 2025, chapter 577 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 1998 An Act to Authorize Registration of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines Through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and to Limit the Use of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines as Virtual Currency Kiosks

Public Law 2025, chapter 542 authorizes the Superintendent of Consumer Credit Protection within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to require registration of certain cash-dispensing machines through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. In all cases, whether registration is through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry or otherwise, the law authorizes the superintendent to establish, by rule, requirements for registration of certain cash-dispensing machines. The law also provides that certain cash-dispensing machines may not operate as virtual currency kiosks unless the virtual currency kiosk operator is licensed as a money transmitter.

LD 2005 An Act Regarding Mail Order Delivery of Prescription Drugs

Public Law 2025, chapter 674 requires pharmacy benefits managers to allow for the dispensing of a covered person's prescriptions at a network pharmacy if the prescription is delayed by more than one day after the expected delivery date provided by a mail order pharmacy and provides that a covered person is entitled to no more than a 7-day supply or the smallest prepackaged unit supply of that prescription drug. If a prescription drug from a mail order pharmacy arrives in an unusable condition, the law provides that a covered person is entitled to have that prescription drug dispensed at a network pharmacy in accordance with the covered person's prescription. The law also prohibits a covered person from being subject to a payment that exceeds the total of one copayment, coinsurance payment or other out-of-pocket payment for the dispensing of the prescription drug in these circumstances.

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LD 2011 An Act to Remove the MaineCare Program from the Prescription Drug Benefit Provisions in the Maine Insurance Code

Public Law 2025, chapter 561 removes the MaineCare program from the definition of “carrier” for the purposes of the law governing health plans that provide prescription drug benefits under the Maine Insurance Code.

LD 2019 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Licensure of Wholesalers and Manufacturers Under the Maine Pharmacy Act

Public Law 2025, chapter 544 modifies the initial licensure qualifications for prescription drug manufacturers and wholesalers by allowing an applicant to apply for licensure before the applicant has obtained a registration number from the appropriate federal agencies but requires that a manufacturer or wholesaler licensed in this State file the applicable registration numbers with the Maine Board of Pharmacy once the registration numbers are obtained by the manufacturer or wholesaler. The law also provides that the board may deny a license, refuse to renew a license or impose disciplinary sanctions if the manufacturer or wholesaler fails to file the applicable registration numbers with the board once the registration numbers are obtained.

Public Law 2025, chapter 544 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

LD 2030 An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists

Public Law 2025, chapter 601 allows an independent practice dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has the appropriate licensure authority.

Public Law 2025, chapter 601 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2060 An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act and to Clarify the Securities Administrator's Authority to Grant Licensing Exemptions for Broker-Dealers

Public Law 2025, chapter 602 makes two technical changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act by updating references to federal citations regarding nonpublic offerings and changing the word “registration” to “licensure” for consistency with the requirements that broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers and investment adviser representatives be licensed. The law also extends the authority of the Securities Administrator in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Securities to grant broker-dealer licensing exemptions to any person regardless of location, not just to those broker-dealers that have a place of business only outside of the State.

Public Law 2025, chapter 602 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

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LD 2061 An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees

Public Law 2025, chapter 579 clarifies the provisions of law prohibiting businesses from charging fees to customers that opt for a paper billing statement in place of an electronic statement to provide that a billing statement means a monthly or periodic account statement that a person is required to provide to a customer under federal or state law, regulation or rule. The law adds that charging a fee is not prohibited when providing a replacement billing statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for any other labor-intensive or nonroutine requests to provide copies of statements.

The law also requires that, if a fee is charged for providing a replacement statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for fulfilling any other labor-intensive or nonroutine request to provide copies of statements, the fee must be reasonable and disclosed to and authorized by a customer prior to providing the copies.

Public Law 2025, chapter 579 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2071 An Act to Expand Access to Vaccines Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration by Allowing Pharmacists to Prescribe, Dispense and Administer Vaccines and Require Insurance Coverage

Public Law 2025, chapter 683 allows pharmacists to prescribe, dispense or administer vaccines to a person 18 years of age or older, or a person over 6 months of age specifically for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, and to dispense or administer other vaccines with a prescription to a person 3 years of age or older. Vaccines must be licensed by the federal Food and Drug Administration and may be recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or be consistent with recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The law also removes the prohibition on pharmacy interns administering drugs and vaccines to a person under 18 years of age, which will allow pharmacy interns with appropriate training to administer a drug or vaccine under a pharmacist's direct supervision.

The law removes the requirement that a pharmacist notify the person's primary care provider within 72 hours of administering a vaccine, as this information is required to be reported in the state immunization information reporting system.

Public Law 2025, chapter 683 also clarifies that insurance carriers are authorized to provide coverage for vaccines without any deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing reimbursement that have been licensed by the federal Food and Drug Administration and that are consistent with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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LD 2072 An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Governing Financial Institutions and to Eliminate Certain Administrative Fees Paid by Banks and Credit Unions Under the Maine Consumer Credit Code

Public Law 2025, chapter 565 makes the following changes to the laws regulating financial institutions and credit unions.

1. It eliminates certain administrative fees charged to financial institutions based on their volume of consumer loans.
2. It extends the deadline by which the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions must publish a notice of a final order in a newspaper during the decision-making process on an application for a charter, branch, merger, acquisition, conversion, subsidiary formation or other similar request.
3. It eliminates the alternative approval process that allows the board of directors of a mutual financial institution, subject to written approval of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, to fix the rate of the directors' own compensation.
4. It provides that when a credit union chartered in this State participates in a loan, the borrower must be a member of any one of the participating credit unions and any real estate securing the loan need not be located in this State.
5. It adds a provision to the bill that authorizes a state-chartered credit union to make loans to its members secured by real estate located in other states. Under prior law, loans were required to be secured by real estate located in Maine.
6. It aligns the laws that permit the disclosure of financial records to the Office of the Attorney General or a law enforcement agency when a financial institution or credit union has reasonable cause to believe that a disbursement requested by certain individuals may result in financial exploitation of an individual with the provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 9-B, section 245 by clarifying that the required age of such an individual is 65 years of age or older and that individuals protected under the Adult Protective Services Act are included.
7. It changes the definition of “supervisory agency” for the laws governing confidential financial records by adding the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and providing that any successor agency to an agency listed in the definition is considered to be a supervisory agency.

LD 2074 An Act to Update the Requirements for Social Worker Licensure

Public Law 2025, chapter 584 changes the licensure requirements for social workers. It enacts definitions of conditional licensure categories, identifies qualifying degrees for licensure, streamlines the qualifications for licensure specific to consultation and social work experience requirements, removes requirements for initial licensure that have created barriers to entering or re-entering the social work profession, clarifies the consultant eligibility, removes the 2-tiered

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system for eligibility for Department of Health and Human Services social workers and social workers who are not employees of the department and expands the State Board of Social Worker Licensure's authority to consider consultation and social work experience gained in this State or another jurisdiction when seeking initial licensure, late renewal or reinstatement of licensure.

The law also requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, after consultation with the State Board of Social Worker Licensure and stakeholders, to continue review of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 83 and any laws associated with the provisions of that chapter that began before the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature to recommend changes to update the licensure provisions for the social work profession and to establish alternative pathways for licensure. The law requires the director to report any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters on or before February 15, 2027, and it authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Public Law 2025, chapter 584 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2082 An Act to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Providing Certain Mental Health Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 687 prohibits any person from providing, advertising or otherwise offering therapy or psychotherapy services, including through the use of Internet-based artificial intelligence, to the public unless the therapy or psychotherapy services are provided by a licensed professional. The law provides an exception for an artificial intelligence-based intervention that is used solely within a research project conducted in compliance with all applicable federal protections for human subjects in research. A violation of the prohibition is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Public Law 2025, chapter 687 also authorizes certain licensed professionals who are able to provide therapy or psychotherapy services within the scope of their license to use artificial intelligence to assist in providing administrative support or supplementary support in therapy or psychotherapy services. The law provides requirements for the use of artificial intelligence as well as prohibitions on its use. The law establishes that any violation by a licensed professional is subject to disciplinary action by the relevant licensing board and clarifies that the statutory language may not be construed to prohibit a client or a client's authorized representative from maintaining an action for harm caused to a client that is attributable to the use of artificial intelligence to assist in providing administrative or supplementary support as part of therapy or psychotherapy services; maintaining an action alleging professional negligence by a licensee; or seeking any other remedies available under other provisions of law. The law also requires that each respective licensing board adopt rules to implement these requirements and designates those rules as major substantive subject to legislative review and approval.

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LD 2087 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of American Sign Language Interpreters

Public Law 2025, chapter 585 authorizes an exemption to American Sign Language interpreter licensure during emergencies. The law provides that, for the purposes of an exemption to American Sign Language interpreter licensure, the determination of an emergency may be made by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation at the time an emergency occurs or afterward.

The law also creates a broader educational pathway to licensure and extends the period of conditional licensure from 4 to 5 years, with a 6th year granted in cases of extreme hardship.

Public Law 2025, chapter 585 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2088 An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates

Public Law 2025, chapter 604 removes the requirement for a practice agreement with an active physician for a physician associate who is the principal clinical provider in a practice that does not include a physician. The law also makes optional consultations between a physician associate and a physician or other health care professional and removes the requirement that a physician be accessible at all times for purposes of consultation.

Public Law 2025, chapter 604 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2102 An Act to Clarify and Strengthen the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 583 amends the laws governing the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program as follows.

1. It amends the provisions regarding eligibility for loans.
2. It authorizes an eligible financial institution to charge an origination fee that is the lesser of \$60 and 1% of the total loan amount and requires the financial institution to add the origination fee to the total amount of the loan.
3. It requires that the Finance Authority of Maine must stop approving claims for loan guarantee payments from eligible financial institutions on defaulted loans once the amount expended for loan guarantee payments equals or exceeds 50% of the total of all loans issued.
4. It requires that, if the total amount of funds expended for loan guarantee payments under the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program equals or exceeds \$200,000, the authority must immediately notify the Treasurer of State, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee

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of the Legislature having jurisdiction over financial services matters and requires the reporting out of legislation to address the funding needs of the program after that notification is received.

5. It provides one-time funding of \$250,000 to the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 583 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2128 An Act to Reorganize the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 596 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Emergency Medical Services' Board.

1. It reduces the number of members appointed to the Emergency Medical Services' Board, other than the members representing regional councils, from 12 to 5.
2. It provides for regular feedback and recommendations from each regional council to the board.
3. It requires the board to report annually by January 1st any recommended changes to the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 or other necessary changes to improve the provision of emergency medical services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services personnel licensing matters and allows each committee to report out legislation based on the board's recommendations.

LD 2129 An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt

Public Law 2025, chapter 649 prohibits the placement of a lien on the principal place of residence of a consumer and prohibits the garnishment of salary or wages of a consumer when the related action is based on medical debt.

The law also requires a court, in any action to execute a judgment involving the attachment of a consumer's principal place of residence based on medical debt, to exclude any interest on medical debt that has accumulated on or after the effective date of the law.

LD 2133 An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians

Public Law 2025, chapter 635 defines “community paramedicine,” “community paramedicine clinician,” “community paramedicine service” and “emergency medical services instructor.” The law requires community paramedicine clinicians and community paramedicine services to be licensed by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and establishes minimum requirements for

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licensure. As part of the mandatory minimum licensing qualifications for a community paramedicine service, the law clarifies that the individual identified by a community paramedicine service as the primary care medical director and emergency medical services medical director may not be limited to a physician only, that the individual may serve as a volunteer and that the same individual may serve in both capacities for a licensed community paramedicine service.

Public Law 2025, chapter 635 also directs the board to adopt rules to implement licensing standards for community paramedicine services and community paramedicine clinicians and provides that the initial rules adopted by the Emergency Medical Services' Board are major substantive rules subject to legislative approval before final adoption.

LD 2146 An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations

Public Law 2025, chapter 702 requires the Maine Vaccine Board to consider vaccines that are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations when making its annual determination of vaccines that must be made available through the Universal Immunization Program. If federal funding is not available for certain vaccines under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines for Children Program, the law authorizes the Maine Vaccine Board to request state funding to cover the costs of vaccines for children who qualify for vaccines under the Vaccines for Children Program for those vaccines that are recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services or the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations.

Public Law 2025, chapter 702 also provides a pharmacist licensed in this State with immunity from liability for negligence for administering a vaccine that is outside the guidelines recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or its successor organization, as long as the administration of the vaccine is in accordance with guidelines recommended by the State or the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations.

LD 2166 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing

Resolve 2025, chapter 140 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing.

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Resolve 2025, chapter 140 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2167 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

Resolve 2025, chapter 138 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization.

Resolve 2025, chapter 138 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2189 An Act to Require Prior Notification of Closures of Labor and Delivery Units and Changes in Maternity or Newborn Care Services by Hospitals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 606 requires a hospital to provide at least 120 days' notice prior to the termination of maternity or newborn care services or of a change in the level of care a hospital provides for maternity and newborn care services.

Public Law 2025, chapter 606 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2200 An Act Relating to Noncompete Agreements Between Employers and Health Care Practitioners

Public Law 2025, chapter 718 prohibits an employer from requiring or permitting a health care practitioner to enter into a noncompete agreement with that employer unless the health care practitioner is employed by an entity in which the health care practitioner has an ownership interest. The law also requires that any noncompete agreement between an employer and a health care practitioner that is enforceable must recognize an individual's right to choose the individual's own health care practitioner.

LD 2201 An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations Related to the Regulatory Review and Approval of Certain Health Care Transactions Involving Private Equity Companies, Hedge Funds or Management Services Organizations from the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 establishes a process for review and approval of certain transactions when a private equity company, hedge fund or management services organization acquires a majority ownership interest in a health care entity or when a private equity company, hedge fund or management services organization takes operational control over a health care entity. The law exempts material change transactions involving independent provider practices of 6 or fewer

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individual providers and material change transactions involving dental practices from the review process

Under the law, the material change transaction review process is concurrent with any review required under the certificate of need laws. When a comprehensive review of a material change transaction is required, the law requires that the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Affordable Health Care consider specific criteria about the impact of the transaction on costs and the health care market, including the impact on the financial condition of a health care entity if the transaction involves a sale and leaseback of the main campus of the health care entity from a real estate investment trust and consideration of the health care entity's debt to equity ratio following the transaction. During the material change transaction review process, the law provides that proprietary information provided to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Affordable Health Care is confidential and may be disclosed publicly only if certain conditions are met. Any rules adopted to implement the provisions of the law are subject to legislative review and approval before final adoption.

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 also creates provisions governing reporting to the Maine Health Data Organization on the ownership and control of health care entities. The law requires health care entities subject to the reporting requirement to report once no later than July 1, 2027 and subsequently only upon the completion of a material change transaction. Independent provider practices with 6 or fewer individual providers are exempt from the reporting requirements. No later than January 1, 2029 and annually thereafter, the Maine Health Data Organization is required to post the information reported by health care entities on a publicly accessible website.

Public Law 2025, chapter 690 takes effect January 1, 2027.

LD 2202 An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 661 requires a health care entity to provide notice to the Attorney General about a pending merger or acquisition at the same time the health care entity is required to notify the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

LD 2209 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Develop Innovative Models for the Delivery of Dental Services to Expand Access to Oral Health Care Throughout the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 156 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to consider the development of a hub-and-spoke model to expand access to dental services throughout the State and to explore options to establish dental specialist residency programs in the State, especially for pediatric dentists, oral surgeons and orthodontists, and education and training programs for dental

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therapists in the State. The law requires the department to invite the participation of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, the Maine Public Health Association, the Board of Dental Practice, the Maine Dental Association, the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association, the Maine Oral Health Centers Alliance and dentists working in private practice who serve the oral health care needs of underserved and high-need populations. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation must provide technical assistance to the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the Board of Dental Practice.

Resolve 2025, chapter 156 requires the department to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 15, 2027 and authorizes each joint standing committee to report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2233 An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All Physicians and Physician Associates

Public Law 2025, chapter 738 combines the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine into a single licensing board, known as the Maine Board of Medicine, for all physicians and physician associates, effective January 1, 2027. Licenses issued by the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure remain in effect until their expiration and the authority over those licenses is transferred to the Maine Board of Medicine.

The law also requires the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine to report on the planning completed by the boards prior to the establishment of the Maine Board of Medicine, including recommendations for any suggested legislation necessary to further implement the merger, to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing board matters no later than January 31, 2027. The law authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2242 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers.

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2151 Resolve, to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part EE.

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I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and reported out</i>	37	71.2%	5.1%
<i><u>Bills carried over from previous session</u></i>	15	<u>28.8%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>
Total Bills referred	52	100.0%	7.1%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Bills considered by Committee	52	100.0%	7.1%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	5	9.6%	1.1%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	18	34.6%	4.1%
<i>Leave to Withdraw</i>	2	3.8%	0.5%
<i><u>Ought Not to Pass</u></i>	<u>8</u>	<u>15.4%</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
Total unanimous reports	33	63.5%	7.5%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	17	32.7%	3.8%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	2	3.8%	0.5%
<i><u>Four-way reports</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	19	36.5%	4.3%
Total committee reports	52	100.0%	11.8%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	4	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	34	65.4%	4.6%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Resolves</i>	4	7.7%	0.5%
<i><u>Constitutional Resolutions</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	38 *	73.1%	5.2%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
<i>Rules authorized without legislative changes</i>	3	100.0%	33.3%
<i>Rules authorized with legislative changes</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	3	100.0%	33.3%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i><u>Held by the Governor</u></i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

* Total number of enacted laws includes two bills that were reported out of the HCIFS Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and two bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.